


# Planning and Development Department Update

**DATE:** June 10, 2011  
**TO:** Mayor Setti D. Warren  
**FROM:** Candace Havens, Director of Planning and Development   
**RE:** Friday Report  
**CC:** Board of Aldermen  
Robert Rooney, Chief Operating Officer

This weekly report is intended to keep you informed of current development proposals and other noteworthy planning and development activities as follows:

<b>Monday 6/13/11</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Commission on Disabilities, 6:30 p.m., Room 209</li><li>• Zoning &amp; Planning Committee, 7:45 p.m., Room 202</li></ul>
<b>Tuesday 6/14/11</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Economic Development Commission, 7:30 p.m., Room 209</li><li>• Auburndale Historic District Commission, 7:30 p.m., Room 203</li><li>• Land Use – Public Hearing/Working Session, 7:00 p.m., Aldermanic Chamber/Room 222</li></ul>
<b>Wednesday 6/15/11</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Community Preservation Committee, 7:00 p.m., Newton Senior Center, 345 Walnut Street, Newtonville</li><li>• Urban Design Commission, 7:00 p.m., Room 203</li></ul>
<b>Thursday 6/16/11</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Brookline-Newton-Watertown-Waltham Homelessness Consortium, 3:00 p.m., Room 222</li><li>• Austin Street Joint Advisory Planning Group, 7:00 p.m., Newton Senior Center, 345 Walnut Street, Newtonville</li><li>• Chestnut Hill Historic District Commission, 7:30 p.m., Room 202</li></ul>

- **Commission on Disabilities:** The Disabilities Commission will hold its monthly meeting **Monday, June 13<sup>th</sup>** at 6:30 p.m. in Room 209. Agenda items include: consideration of the approval of the minutes from the May 9<sup>th</sup> meeting; a report on CDBG-funded access projects; consideration of an application for a handicap parking space in front of 468 Watertown Street; consideration of a recommendation to the Massachusetts Architectural Access Board to remove the condition associated with Variance 08-52 which requires a Handicap drop-off location on Hull Street; and consideration of a recommendation to the Board of Alderman to accept a donation to the Commission. The Committee will discuss the **33 Boylston Street** Special Permit application and the **Durant Kenrick** Variance application. The public will also have an opportunity to report on accessibility issues of noncompliance in the City. **Contact Kathleen Cahill at 617.796.1125 or [kcahill@newtonma.gov](mailto:kcahill@newtonma.gov).**
- **Zoning & Planning Committee:** The Committee will hold a Working Session on **Monday, June 13<sup>th</sup>** at 8:00 p.m. in Room 202. The following items will be discussed: item **#102-11**, an amendment to Chapter 17 to establish a fee for filing a notice of condo conversion; **#94-11**, an amendment to the accessory apartment ordinance clarifying that accessory apartments cannot be held in separate ownership, including in condominium; **#95-11**, a proposed ordinance requiring that a notice of conversion to condominium be filed with the Inspectional Services Department and the property be inspected to determine compliance with all applicable provisions of the state and local codes; and three appointments to the Conservation Commission. **Contact Jen Molinsky at 617.796.1131 [jmolinsky@newtonma.gov](mailto:jmolinsky@newtonma.gov) or Seth Zeren at 617.796.1145 [szeren@newtonma.gov](mailto:szeren@newtonma.gov).**
- **Economic Development Commission:** The Commission will meet on **Tuesday, June 14<sup>th</sup>** at 7:30 p.m. in Room 209. The EDC will meet with the representatives of the team proposing redevelopment of the Chestnut Hill Shopping Center. The Commission will also discuss the formation of a Strategic Business Outreach Subcommittee and review short-term and long-term goals and guidelines for addressing the EDC. **Contact Amanda Stout at 617.796.1127 or [astout@newtonma.gov](mailto:astout@newtonma.gov).**
- **Auburndale Historic District Commission:** The Commission will meet on **Tuesday, June 14<sup>th</sup>** at 7:30 p.m. in Room 203. Items on the agenda include: **67 Hancock Street**, request to install skylight and french doors; **Lasell College Campus** located on Woodland Road, Grove Street, Maple Street, Maple Terrace, Cheswick Road, and Commonwealth Avenue, request to install signs; **57 Hancock Street**, request to construct attached

garage; **Administrative**, Approval of Meeting Minutes. **Contact Brian Lever at 617.796.1129 or [blever@newtonma.gov](mailto:blever@newtonma.gov).**

- **Land Use Public Hearing/Working Session:** The Committee will meet on **Tuesday, June 14<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chamber/Room 222 of City Hall. The agenda includes the following: **#215-08(2)**, A parking waiver for six parking spaces at a nonprofit adult daycare facility at **149A California Street**; **#149-11**, location of a Sovereign Bank drive-through ATM facility and waivers for parking facility lighting and screening requirements at **624 Washington Street**; and **#150-11**, to alter a nonconforming structure to locate a home business use in an existing detached carriage house and to waive 4 required parking stalls at **43 Fairmont Ave.** **Contact Derek Valentine at 617.796.1123 or [dvalentine@newtonma.gov](mailto:dvalentine@newtonma.gov).**
- **Community Preservation Committee:** The Committee will meet on **Wednesday, June 15<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00 p.m. in the Newton Senior Center, 345 Walnut Street, Newtonville. The agenda includes discussion of the tentative scope of work for the City Historic Buildings Survey and program planning for FY12-13, including proposal deadlines and community outreach for the program's 10th anniversary. From [www.newtonma.gov/cpa](http://www.newtonma.gov/cpa), click on 'Committees & Meetings' for full agendas. **Contact Alice Ingerson at 617.796.1144 or [aingerson@newtonma.gov](mailto:aingerson@newtonma.gov).**
- **Urban Design Commission:** The Commission will meet on **Wednesday, June 15<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00 p.m. in Room 203. The following items are on the agenda: A discussion of the site plan for Chestnut Hill Shopping Center at **33 Boylston Street**; Sign reviews for Hammond Pond Condominiums at **34A Hammond Pond Parkway**, Essential Skin Care at **630-638 Commonwealth Avenue**, and Fitness Equipment Northeast at **32 Needham Street**; and a fence appeal at **177 Dorset Road**. **Contact Derek Valentine at 617.769.1123 or [dvalentine@newtonma.gov](mailto:dvalentine@newtonma.gov).**
- **Brookline – Newton – Watertown – Waltham Homelessness Consortium:** The Consortium will meet on **Thursday, June 16<sup>th</sup>** at 3:00 p.m. in Room 222. The agenda includes a discussion of the Annual Point-in-Time Count of homeless people, updates from agencies and a discussion of future topics and potential speakers. **Contact Trisha Kenyon Guditz at 617.796.1156 or [tguditz@newtonma.gov](mailto:tguditz@newtonma.gov).**
- **Austin Street Joint Advisory Planning Group:** The Austin Street JAPG will meet on **Thursday, June 16<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00 p.m. at the Newton Senior Center, 345 Walnut Street in Newtonville. The agenda includes a review of the JAPG's draft final report. Detailed agendas and meeting notes can be found on our webpage [www.newtonma.gov/austinst](http://www.newtonma.gov/austinst). **Contact Eve Tapper at 617.796.1141 or [etapper@newtonma.gov](mailto:etapper@newtonma.gov).**
- **Chestnut Hill Historic District Commission:** The Commission will meet on **Thursday, June 16<sup>th</sup>** at 7:30 p.m. in Room 202. Items on the agenda include: **40 Acacia Avenue**, Request to replace windows; **481 Hammond Street**, Request to amend approved site plan to alter approved driveway and pathway; **100 Suffolk Road**, Request to remove addition and change siding, windows, and roof of gardeners cottage. **Administrative**, Approval of Meeting Minutes. **Contact Brian Lever at 617.796.1129 or [blever@newtonma.gov](mailto:blever@newtonma.gov).**
- **Zipcar Arrives in Newton:** Zipcar, the Cambridge-based car-sharing company that enables members to rent a car by the hour as an alternative to car ownership, expanded into Newton Centre this spring. Zipcar members



may now reserve the Toyota Prius (\$7.50/hour) or the Nissan Altima Hybrid (\$11.50/hour) that are parked in designated spaces in the Langley Road ("triangle") parking lot. Zipcar pays the City to park in these spaces while providing a valuable and sustainable transportation option to help residents, visitors, and employees reach their destinations. Zipcar has already reported heavy usage of the cars. If the success continues, this one-year trial may be expanded to other areas of Newton.

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